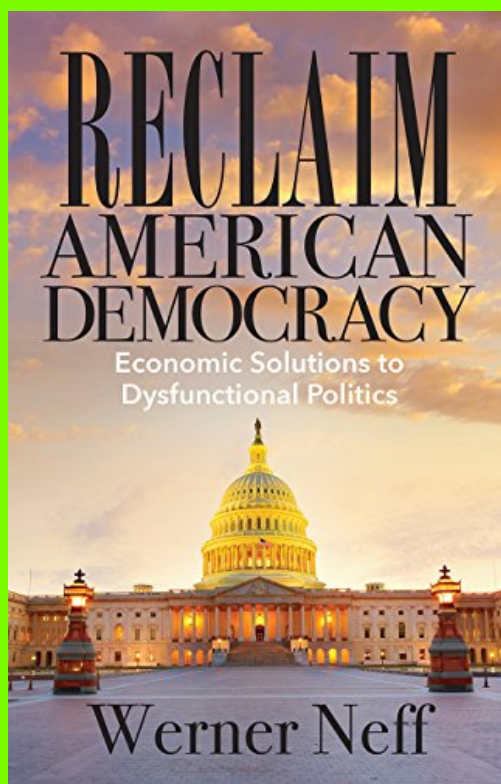


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Many Americans think they pay too much in taxes. The truth is that half of the Federal budget supports poor and old people all over the country. The low minimum wages paid by businesses do not allow for having a decent life; they merely entitle low-income Americans to apply for food stamps and receive free medical services under Medicaid. The working poor are a social problem created by politics. Without a solution, there will be many more arising from institutional poverty traps. Only a few people realize that low minimum wages are subsidized by the taxpayer. The tax code is rigged. The solution is simple: Market-driven wages must cover the cost of living for the Nation's workforce. It is necessary to increase strongly the minimum wage and return to a free market economy. By paying market-driven wages, the demand for social benefits will decrease significantly. With this restructuring, business taxes could be lowered. There is an American Voting Paradox: American citizens vote for their dream and not for their reality. Gerrymandering and voting restrictions favor the mainstream of the Libertarian cause. Campaign financing leverages the dominance of special interests at the expense of problem-solving compromises for the whole country. The ideas of Libertarianism influence political life and have changed the democratic base of the United States fundamentally. The democratic principle has been distorted, as the political system allows the economic elite and big corporations to influence legislation, so that economic rules are strengthened in their favor. American democracy no longer balances the interests of rich and poor, strong and weak classes. Tax loopholes for the rich and Corporate America must be cleaned out. There are solutions for dysfunctional politics. Reclaim American Democracy!